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### 1504. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the recently released Building Condition Assessment Reports, and I ask:

- (a) is the Salmon Gums Research Station owned by the Department of Education;
- (b) if no to (a):
  - (i) which agency owns it; and
  - (ii) why has the Department of Education taken responsibility for its maintenance, as evidenced by its appearance in the latest assessment;
- (c) if yes to (a):
  - (i) when did the Department of Education acquire it and at what cost; and
  - (ii) who currently occupies the facility, do they pay rent and, if so, how much;
- (d) is the Merredin government office owned by the Department of Education;
- (e) if no to (d):
  - (i) which agency owns it; and
  - (ii) why has the Department of Education taken responsibility for its maintenance; and
- (f) if yes to (d):
  - (i) when did the Department of Education acquire it and at what cost; and
  - (ii) who currently occupies the facility, do they pay rent and, if so, how much?

## 1505. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to Buru Energy's proposed fracking program in the Canning Basin, and I ask:

- (a) has the Department of Water reviewed Buru Energy's hydrogeological reports for the Yulleroo, Asgard and Valhalla wells:
  - (i) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table the results; and
  - (ii) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) has the Department of Water expressed any concerns to other government departments, or the company, regarding the hydrogeological reports:
  - (i) if yes to (b), what is the nature of these concerns;
- (c) according to Department of Water estimates, how long will groundwater take to flow from the Yulleroo 3 and Yulleroo 4 wells to Roebuck Bay:
  - (i) what does the department base these estimates on and how reliable is this data;
- (d) has the Department of Water expressed any concerns about the distance between the groundwater aquifer and the fracking point, which in one instance is 600 metres:
  - (i) if yes to (d), what is the nature of these concerns; and

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- (e) will the Minister please table the advice and comments that have been provided by the Department of Water to the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Mines and Petroleum regarding the proposed Laurel Formation Tight Gas Pilot Exploration Program (TGS14):
  - (i) if no to (e), why not?

### 1506. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

Noting the high level of public interest and concern in relation to fracking in Western Australia and the various claims being made as to its safety or otherwise, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of repeated claims by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and Western Australian industry groups that there have been over 700 fracking operations in the State:
  - (i) is the Minister able to verify that this information is correct;
- (b) is the Minister aware of a DMP document entitled WA Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation Well List (alphabetical order), which claims to list all fracking operations in Western Australia;
- (c) including those referenced in the footnotes of this document, will the Minister please confirm how many fracking operations have been conducted in Western Australia:
  - (i) of these, which operations involved the use of pressures exceeding 10,000 pounds per square inch;
  - (ii) which operations included the use of a mix of chemicals to reduce friction and surface tension, kill bacteria, remove scale and inhibit corrosion; and
  - (iii) which operations involved the use of horizontal drilling and horizontal fracking;
- (d) does the DMP have a database of all wells that have been fracked in Western Australia:
  - (i) if no to (d), why not;
- (e) does the DMP have records of how much water was used in all fracking operations in Western Australia:
  - (i) if no to (e), why not;
- (f) with regards to the historical fracks for oil and gas, were chemicals used with the water:
  - (i) if yes to (f), what were these chemicals;
- (g) with regard to the historical fracks for oil and gas, were any other materials, such as sand, used as proppants;
- (h) how many of the wells that have been fracked in Western Australia have been followed up with compliance visits;
- (i) how many of the wells that have been fracked in Western Australia had the surrounding groundwater monitored for pollution;

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- (j) how many wells have been fracked in Western Australia using the modern fracking methods of extremely high pressure pumping, patented chemical cocktails and proppants; and
- (k) will the Minister ensure that DMP does not further repeat the misleading claim that there have been over 700 fracks in Western Australia:
  - (i) if no to (k), why not?

## 1507. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) What is the current status of Bush Forever site 309?
- (2) In which government department is Bush Forever site 309 vested?
- (3) Has this Bush Forever site been sold to private developers?

#### 1508. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to Family Resource employees employed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and ask how many Family Resource full time equivalent employees have there been within the department in each of the following years:

- (a) 2008-09;
- (b) 2009-10;
- (c) 2010-11;
- (d) 2011-12;
- (e) 2012-13;
- (f) 2013-14; and
- (g) at 1 August 2014?

## 1509. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

Regarding Buru Energy's proposed fracking program in the Kimberley, I ask:

- (a) when were the most recent well integrity tests conducted on the following Buru Energy wells:
  - (i) Valhalla;
  - (ii) Asgard;
  - (iii) Yulleroo 3; and
  - (iv) Yulleroo 4;
- (b) did these well integrity tests show any problems or anomalies with best practice for any of the wells:
  - (i) if yes to (d), what was the nature of the problem(s) with the wells;
- (c) will the Minister provide all of the results from the well testing, including the pressure testing and cement bond logs:
  - (i) if no to (c), why not;

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- (d) is further testing required on the wells and well casings prior to fracking:
  - (i) if yes to (d), what is the nature of these tests;
- (e) with regard to the tests conducted so far, has pressure testing shown well integrity is satisfactory in all instances:
  - (i) if no to (e), what are the anomalies;
- (f) with regard to the cementing outside of the well casing, is the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) satisfied that this complies with industry best practice in the case of all four wells:
  - (i) if no to (f), which wells do not conform, and why; and
  - (ii) if some wells do not conform to best practice standards, will the DMP prevent fracking in these wells:
    - (A) if no to (f)(ii), why not; and
- (g) Buru Energy has stated they are postponing the "test fracks" for the above wells until 2015 but they will conduct "mini-fracks" in 2014, has the DMP been provided information detailing these mini-fracks:
  - (i) if no to (g), why not; and
  - (ii) if yes to (g), will the Minister please table the information:
    - (A) if no to (g)(ii), why not?

#### 1510. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Child Protection:

Further to the Minister's remarks on 13 August 2014 in reference to the now former Commissioner for Children and Young People's Proposal 11 in the *Sexualisation of Children* report, I ask for each calendar (or alternatively financial) year since the enactment of section 192 of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*, what were the number of:

- (a) complaints received;
- (b) prosecutions launched; and
- (c) convictions obtained?

#### 1511. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

Regarding the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme application of Mr Button Jones, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister establish a stolen wages reparation scheme to consider the claims of former station workers like Mr Button Jones, who were moved about from station to station at the behest of government officials and pastoralists and received no wages for their efforts:
  - (i) if no to (a), why not; and

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- (b) as the Minister has previously stated that "the State Government invests heavily in measures to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people, these investments, are to a large degree, based on recognition that the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal people is a result of discriminatory legislation and policy that existed during the period 1905 to 1972", will the Minister please provide evidence of exactly how State government investments have benefited Mr Jones:
  - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
  - (ii) if no to (b), will the Minister investigate Mr Jones' circumstances in order to provide how State government investments have benefited him?

### 1512. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

Regarding the Minister's answer to question without notice No. 136 of 2014 in reference to Mr David Ryder's application to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia for which he received an *ex gratia* payment of \$2,000, I refer to two documents; a letter to Mr Ryder, dated 9 November 2012, from the Director General (DG) of the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), Mr Cliff Weeks confirming Mr Ryder's eligibility to receive an *ex gratia* payment of \$2,000, and a DIA *pro forma* letter found in Appendix 8 of a memorandum, dated 6 June 2012, and sent to the DG, Cliff Weeks from the Assistant Director Policy, Rory Whitelaw, and I ask:

- in what way(s), apart from his name, address, DIA allocated reference number and bank details, was the letter to Mr Ryder "tailored" for him;
- (b) in what way(s), apart from his name, address, DIA allocated reference number and bank details was this letter to Mr Ryder different from the letters sent to other successful applicants;
- (c) in light of the above, will the Minister:
  - (i) advise what he meant by his statement in his reply to question without notice No. 136 that "While all letters sent under the scheme contained some standard information each letter also included details tailored to individual applicants"; and
  - (ii) correct his reply and make amends;
- (d) was it the Government's intention to offer an apology or a statement of regret to those found eligible under the scheme;
- (e) if yes to (d):
  - (i) why was this not included in the letter to Mr Ryder; and
  - (ii) was this omission particular to Mr Ryder or did this omission apply to the letters sent to all successful applicants;
- (f) if yes to (d), how did the Government implement its intention to offer and apology or a statement of regret and:
  - (i) how was this communicated by the Government to Mr Ryder; and
  - (ii) how was this communicated by the Government to other successful applicants;

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- (g) as the letter to Mr Ryder did not state the periods and the location(s) for which he was found eligible for the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia:
  - (i) does this mean that Mr Ryder was treated differently from other successful applicants who received such information in their particular cases; and
  - (ii) does this mean that Mr Ryder was treated the same as other successful applicants in that they also did not receive such information for their particular case;
- (h) does the Minister agree that it is highly regrettable that neither Mr Ryder or other successful applicants received:
  - (i) an apology or statement of regret; and
  - (ii) information about the location(s) and periods for which they were found eligible;
- (i) if yes to (h), how will the Government address this;
- (j) in relation to Mr Ryder's case, did the process of assessing his application include:
  - (i) checking if historical records were available for him; and
  - (ii) if yes to (j)(i), identifying what these records indicated about the amount of income owed by the Government to Mr Ryder;
- (k) if the process of assessing Mr Ryder's application did not include checking of (j)(i) or (ii):
  - (i) did this mean that Mr Ryder was treated differently from other applicants; and
  - (ii) was it the case that a process of checking historical records and identifying what these records indicated for particular applicants, was similarly not carried out for other applicants; and
- (l) if the process was as indicated in (k)(ii), how is the Government able to assess whether the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia made adequate amends for income withheld from successful applicants?

### 1513. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the mental health disaster responses sub-plan, and I ask:

- (a) what is a "Code Yellow" emergency;
- (b) were any "Code Yellow" emergencies issued in each of the metropolitan regions for the following periods:
  - (i) 2010-11;
  - (ii) 2011-12; and
  - (iii) 2012-13; and
- (c) if yes to (b), what were the locations and the dates of each "Code Yellow" emergency?

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## 1514. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Is there a detailed revised development plan for the Port Kennedy residential and tourism development?
- (2) What submissions have been made to the Minister for Planning on the Port Kennedy residential and tourism development?

## 1515. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) In what ways is the Perth Parking Levy used to directly benefit:
  - (a) bus activity in the central business district;
  - (b) cycling activity in the central business district; and
  - (c) pedestrian activity in the central business district?
- (2) What other uses is the Perth Parking Levy put to?
- (3) How much of the Perth Parking Levy is being used to fund the new bus port in Roe Street?
- (4) How much funding from the Northbridge Link Project is being used to fund the new bus port in Roe Street?
- (5) Is the Perth Parking Levy an appropriate source of funds for the Roe Street bus port?
- (6) How much of the Perth Parking Levy is used to fund the removal of cars breaking down or stopping in the tunnel?
- (7) How much of the Perth Parking Levy is used to fund the removal of cars parked in bicycle lanes?

#### 1516. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Which suburbs are included in the catchment areas for the following secondary schools:
  - (a) South Fremantle Senior High School;
  - (b) Hamilton Hill Senior High School;
  - (c) North Lake Senior Campus; and
  - (d) John Curtin College of the Arts?
- (2) Which of these suburbs are seeing increases in the number of young families or families with pre-secondary school aged children?

## 1517. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) Further to question on notice No. 1014 of 2014, do Simcoa Operations Pty Ltd and WA Chip & Department of the Property Co. Pty Ltd have contracts of sale with the Forest Products Commission for the purchase of native forest products?
- (2) If yes to (1), why were they not included in the list of buyers other than sawmills that have contracts of sale with the Forest Products Commission for the purchase of native forest products?

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- (3) For each of Simcoa Operations Pty Ltd and WA Chip and Pulp Co. Pty Ltd, will the Minister please provide:
  - (a) contract name;
  - (b) contract number;
  - (c) product (species and grade);
  - (d) quantity per annum;
  - (e) current expiry date; and
  - (f) final expiry date?

## 1518. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

For each of the contracts of sale for native forest products entered into by the Forest Products Commission after 31 March 2014, will the Minister please provide:

- (a) contract name;
- (b) contract number;
- (c) product (species and grade);
- (d) quantity per annum;
- (e) current expiry date; and
- (f) final expiry date?

#### 1519. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

With reference to the announcement that the Government is proposing to release 200,000 hectares of Crown land near Esperance for farming and is also targeting land in the Gascoyne, Pilbara, Midlands, Peel, around Myalup and Warren-Donnelly, will the Minister please identify exactly what land is being targeted for release in each area, and table maps showing the location of each?

#### 1520. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With reference to the announcement that the Government is proposing to release 200,000 hectares of Crown land near Esperance for farming and is also targeting land in the Gascoyne, Pilbara, Midlands, Peel, around Myalup and Warren-Donnelly, will the Minister please identify exactly what land is being targeted for release in each area, and table maps showing the location of each?

## 1521. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:

With reference to the announcement that the Government is proposing to release 200,000 hectares of Crown land near Esperance for farming and is also targeting land in the Gascoyne, Pilbara, Midlands, Peel, around Myalup and Warren-Donnelly, will the Minister please identify exactly what land is being targeted for release in each area, and table maps showing the location of each?

## 1522. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

With reference to the announcement that the Government is proposing to release 200,000 hectares of Crown land near Esperance for farming and is also targeting land in the Gascoyne, Pilbara, Midlands, Peel, around Myalup and Warren-Donnelly, will the Minister please identify exactly what land is being targeted for release in each area, and table maps showing the location of each?

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### 1523. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

With reference to the announcement that the Government is proposing to release 200,000 hectares of Crown land near Esperance for farming and is also targeting land in the Gascoyne, Pilbara, Midlands, Peel, around Myalup and Warren-Donnelly, will the Minister please identify exactly what land is being targeted for release in each area, and table maps showing the location of each?

## 1524. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to question on notice No. 1300 asked on 17 June 2014, and I ask:

- (a) why was the dialysis machine at Jigalong not included in the list;
- (b) why is the dialysis machine at Jigalong not operational;
- (c) is there nursing staff at Jigalong capable and/or available to operate the unit;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) is the provision of electrical power to the machine capable of maintaining a safe, uninterrupted power level to the machine if it were to operate;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) was the provision of available trained nursing staff considered prior to the placement of the machine at Jigalong;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) was the provision of a secure power source for the machine considered prior to the placement of the machine at Jigalong;
- (i) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) are there plans to make the dialysis machine operational at Jigalong;
- (1) if yes to (k), when will it be made operational;
- (m) if yes to (k), what will be required to make it operational;
- (n) what is the annual cost of transferring patients to dialysis machines at alternative locations:
- (o) where are those alternative facilities or machines located;
- (p) were there any other dialysis machines not listed in the answer to question on notice No. 1300:
- (q) if yes to (p), how many, and at what locations;
- (r) will the Minister apologise for not having included the Jigalong facility in question on notice No. 1300; and
- (s) if no to ®, why not?

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## 1525. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) What is the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Forest Products Commission (FPC), signed in March 2001?
- (2) Are there any MOUs between the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and FPC?
- (3) If yes to (2), please list and describe each?
- (4) Are there any plans for a new MOU between DPaW and FPC?

### 1526. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) What is the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Forest Products Commission (FPC), signed in March 2001?
- (2) Are there any MOUs between the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and FPC?
- (3) If yes to (2), please list and describe each?
- (4) Are there any plans for a new MOU between DPaW and FPC?

## 1527. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

Will the Minister please provide a list of all the contractors that have contracts of supply (to fall, extract, load and deliver) with the Forest Products Commission for the supply of logs, both native forest and plantation, including:

- (a) the contractor's name;
- (b) the contract number;
- (c) the contract description;
- (d) the log specification (species and grade only);
- (e) the quantity per annum;
- (f) the operative date; and
- (g) the expiry date?

## 1528. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) When will the Government fully implement the Bush Forever program which has identified areas of regionally significant remnant urban bushland on the Swan Coastal Plain, an internationally recognised biodiversity hotspot?
- (2) Will the State Government move to adequately protect Bush Forever sites by removing the exemptions pertaining to decisions of the Western Australian Planning Commission, in the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004?*
- (3) Referring to the intended destruction of 40 hectares of Bush Forever at Point Peron and 19 hectares of Bush Forever at Ocean Reef in order to construct two developments, please explain how the Minister is meeting his obligation to protect the environment of the State in these contexts?

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- (4) Why is Western Australia continuing with the development of canal estates when these costly coastal developments are being banned around Australia?
- (5) When did the Minister for the Environment delegate his powers and functions with respect to the Ocean Reef estate development to the Minister for Police?

## 1529. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety:

- (1) What training and education is provided to drivers of Transperth buses on driving safely around cyclists?
- (2) What risks are Transperth drivers made aware of when passing cyclists?
- (3) How often is the training and education in (1) reinforced for each Transperth driver?

## 1530. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Has planning permission been sought for a roadhouse on Indian Ocean Drive?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) when was permission sought; and
  - (b) where is the process up to?
- (3) Does the Department of Planning have any concerns with this proposal?
- (4) If yes to (3), what are the concerns?
- (5) Is the Minister aware there are a lack of toilet facilities on the Indian Ocean Drive that would be solved with the installation of a roadhouse?
- (6) What alternatives is the department considering to alleviate the lack of facilities on this stretch of road?
- (7) When does the Minister expect there will be a decision on this matter?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that the Department of Parks and Wildlife support a road house facility on Indian Ocean Drive?

- (1) How many compliance inspections were conducted on small charter vehicles in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (2) How many breaches were identified in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?

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- (3) How many cautions were issued in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (4) How many infringements were issued in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?
- (5) How many drivers were found not to be charging the \$60 minimum fee in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?

## 1532. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What is the penalty for a driver of a small charter vehicle (SCV) who is found not to be charging the \$60 minimum fee?
- (2) What is the penalty for any subsequent breaches of the minimum fare?
- (3) When was the SCV minimum fee last reviewed?
- (4) Since the SCV minimum fee was introduced, has the Government calculated what this amount would be in real terms if it kept pace with inflation?
- (5) If yes to (4), what would the rate be now?

## 1533. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that his predecessor had committed to removing the \$60 minimum fare for small charter vehicles (SCV)?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the Minister also committed to removing the minimum fee?
- (3) If no to (1), what action is the Minister willing to take in regards to the minimum charge for SCV?
- (4) Is the Minister considering increasing the license fee for SCV drivers?
- (5) If yes to (4), what amount is the Minister considering?
- (6) If no to (4), how is the Minister going to guarantee there is a level playing field for both taxi and SCV drivers?

- (1) Does the Government support ride-sharing applications (apps)?
- (2) If yes to (1), does the Minister intend to bring in legislation to provide for them?
- (3) If no to (1), what action is the Minister going to take to police ride-sharing operating in Western Australia?

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- (4) Does the Government consider they have sufficient legislative powers to manage all of the implications arising from on-line based applications offering transport solutions?
- (5) If no to (4), what changes to the current legislation are required?
- (6) When does the Minister expect all of these issues to be addressed?

## 1535. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

Is the Government considering any changes to the taxi regulations to allow taxi dispatch services to offer online services only?

## 1536. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What does a small charter vehicle licence cost?
- (2) How much does it cost to put a small charter vehicle (SCV) on the road including all government licence fees, charges and any equipment required to be installed in the SCV?
- (3) What does a taxi licence cost?
- (4) How much does it cost to put a taxi on the road, including all government licence fees, charges and government requirements for equipment to be installed in the taxi?

# 1537. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How much does the Department of Transport expect will be collected as a result of the increase in its regional vehicle examination fees?
- (2) In relation to metropolitan vehicle examination services, how much of the vehicle examination fee is kept by the authorised examiner, and how much does the Department of Transport received?
- (3) In relation to regional vehicle examination services, how much of the examination fee is kept by the authorised examiner, and how much does the Department of Transport received?
- (4) How much has the Department of Transport budgeted for compliance of authorised inspection centres in:
  - (a) 2013-14;
  - (b) 2014-15; and
  - (c) 2015-16?

- (1) I refer to malfunctioning traffic lights at the intersection of Main Street and Scarborough Beach Road on 23 and 24 June 2014, and ask:
  - (a) what was the cause of the malfunction;
  - (b) can the Minister confirm that a traffic management crew was not sent to the intersection:
  - (c) what was the reason a traffic management crew was not sent; and
  - (d) what is the criteria for determining what is a highly congested intersection?

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- (2) How many traffic management crews did Main Roads have in:
  - (a) 2011-12;
  - (b) 2012-13; and
  - (c) 2013-14?

## 1539. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Minister asked the Department of Transport to examine the idea of developing the area above existing train stations and highway junctions?
- (2) If yes to (1), what locations are currently being looked at?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the department to conclude their investigations?
- (4) Has any work been done on the square meter value for the land that would be required to facilitate developments above train stations?
- (5) If yes to (4), what work has been done?
- (6) When does the Minister expect a report will be made public?

## 1540. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Government still committed to ramp metering?
- (2) If yes to (1), when does the Minister expect ramp metering to be implemented?
- (3) If not to (1), why not?
- (4) How much has been allocated in the budget to implement ramp metering?
- (5) When is the current ramp metering trial due to be completed?
- (6) When will the results be made public?
- (7) What is the cost of the trial?

## 1541. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister's estimate that the cost of building only the Mirrabooka leg of the MAX Light Rail Project would be "about half - say \$1 billion dollars", and I ask:

- (a) on what basis does the Minister make this claim;
- (b) does the Minister stand by this estimate; and
- (c) if no to (b), what does the Minister believe the cost will now be?

## 1542. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the announcement of a new fire station in West Perth, and ask:

- (a) has a location been identified for the new station;
- (b) if yes to (a), where;
- (c) if no to (a), when will a location be finalised;

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- (d) when does the Minister expect a location will be announced; and
- (e) what consultation with the public will be undertaken with regard to the location of the new station?

## 1543. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) Has there been any impact on the travel time of emergency vehicles moving east/west across the city since the closure of Riverside Drive?
- (2) If yes to (1), what has been the impact during:
  - (a) peak periods; and
  - (b) non-peak periods?
- (3) Has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services brought this to the attention of the Minister?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is the Minister doing to address this matter?

## 1544. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the MAX light rail project, and ask:

- (a) Is the Minister aware that the Property Council of Australia have raised concerns regarding the removal of an east/west link across the city centre in the MAX Light Rail Project;
- (b) If yes to (1), does the Minister share these concerns and, if so, why; and
- (c) If no to (1), why not?

## 1545. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What is the urban rail network route utilisation strategy examining?
- (2) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (3) When will it be publically released?

## 1546. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What initiatives are currently being considered to improve the serviceability of the current rail network?
- (2) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (3) When will the work be publically released?

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into the possible extension of the Armadale rail line to:
  - (a) Byford;
  - (b) Mundijong;
  - (c) Serpentine;

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- (d) North Dandalup; and
- (e) Pinjarra?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

## 1548. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into the possible extension of the Joondalup rail line to Yanchep?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

## 1549. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into the possible extension of the Midland rail line?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the location currently being examined?
- (3) What is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (4) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (5) When will the work be publically released?

## 1550. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into the possible extension of the Mandurah rail line?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the location currently being examined?
- (3) What is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (4) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (5) When will the work be publically released?

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into the possible extension of the Fremantle rail line?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the location currently being examined?
- (3) What is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (4) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (5) When will the work be publically released?

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## 1552. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into a future rail line to Ellenbrook?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

# 1553. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into a future rail line into the Wanneroo area?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

## 1554. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into connecting the Mandurah rail line to the Fremantle rail line?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

## 1555. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work on future extensions of the Forrestfield Airport Rail line beyond Forrestfield?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into any spur lines off the Midland Rail Line?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the location currently being examined?
- (3) What is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (4) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (5) When will the work be publically released?

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## 1557. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the Public Transport Authority or Department of Transport undertaking any work into a fast train to Bunbury and the South West?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the nature of the works being undertaken?
- (3) When does the Minister expect the work to be completed?
- (4) When will the work be publically released?

# 1558. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the issue of shift workers who park at train stations overnight but do not return to their car until next day, and ask what is the Government doing to address this issue to ensure shift workers are not fined?

## 1559. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the midweek sporting or cultural events where the cost of public transport is included in the ticketing price, and ask:

- (a) are these people able to use their Smartparker without tagging on with their Smartrider; and
- (b) if no to (a), how do they park and use their free travel?

## 1560. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Why did the Public Transport Authority remove existing cash ticketing machines in train station car parks?
- (2) Why were they not upgraded or replaced by additional Smartparker machines?

## 1561. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many infringements have been issued to date, for failure to pay the \$2 parking fee at train stations?
- (2) How many of those infringements were because the wrong vehicle had been activated for Smartparker?

- (1) How many people have registered for Smartparker?
- (2) How many vehicles have been registered for Smartparker?
- (3) How many vehicles are currently activated for Smartparker?

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## 1563. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many complaints were made to the Public Transport Authority about the introduction of paid parking at train stations?
- (2) How many of those complaints were about:
  - (a) the Smartparker technology;
  - (b) an increase in cars parking in surrounding streets;
  - (c) not enough Smartparker machines;
  - (d) not enough cash machines;
  - (e) no shelter over the ticketing machines;
  - (f) too far to get to a cash machine; and
  - (g) other?

## 1564. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has there been a change in the number of motorcycles and motor scooters parked at train stations?
- (2) If yes to (1), what has been the change?

## 1565. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority received any complaints about the lack of shelter over Smartparker meter's at train station car parks?
- (2) If yes to (1), does the Public Transport Authority intend to install shelters over the parking meters?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Will the Public Transport Authority install any additional Smartparker meters at train station car parks?
- (5) If yes to (4), where and when will these be installed?
- (6) Will the Public Transport Authority install any additional cash meters at train station car parks?
- (7) If yes to (6), where and when will these be installed?

- (1) What are the green metal boxes located throughout the car park at the Currambine Train Station?
- (2) What is their function?

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## 1567. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Main Roads Western Australia does not support the use of tourist signage on Perth's Freeway network?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Main Roads Western Australia endeavours to minimise the distraction to drivers by ensuring that information provided to motorists on directional signage is intentionally limited to the essentials?

## 1568. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) When was the last time a Statewide Traffic Digest was produced for Western Australia?
- (2) When does the Minister expect the next one to be produced?

# 1569. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Does Main Roads Western Australia monitor average link travel speeds in the metropolitan region?
- (2) If no to (1), why not, and when did Main Roads Western Australia cease to monitor it?
- (3) If yes to (1), can the Minister provide the most recent speeds for each road recorded?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

## 1570. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many people have downloaded the "Right Move" application (app) since its release?
- (2) Does the Government monitor the level of use of this app?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the level of use?

#### 1571. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the media article in the *Countryman* on Thursday, 10 July 2014 "Black Apple expected to be a smash hit for WA", and ask:

- (a) what research has been done to ensure the viability of this fruit;
- (b) are there other black/dark apples in the:
  - (i) Australian market; and
  - (ii) international market;
- (c) if yes to (b),:
  - (i) what are their names and locations; and
  - (ii) what are we doing to differentiate the Australian "black apple" in the international market:
- (d) how much is in the State Budget to promote this apple in the international market;
- (e) is the Department of Agriculture and Food using an international expert to assist in the promotion of this apple and, if yes, who; and
- (f) is the apple's colour also a product of its environment?

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## 1572. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the implementation of the National Chain of Responsibility (CoR) legislation through the implementation of the *Road Traffic (vehicles ) Act 2012*, and I ask:

- (a) was the Act given royal assent on 21 May 2012;
- (b) was industry advised that regulatory amendments and finalisation of this legislation was expected in December 2013;
- (c) was industry then advised that implementation was expected on 1 March 2014;
- (d) was industry then advised that the regulations were still being drafted and not likely be implemented until July or August of 2014;
- (e) can the Minister please explain why there have been these continual delays; and
- (f) when does the Minister now expect the legislation and regulations to be fully implemented?

## 1573. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What conditions for dust management did Bunbury Port Authority (BPA) put in place prior to the new grain export facility operating from the port?
- (2) Is the BPA satisfied that the current dust management systems are sufficient to deal with grain operations at the port?
- (3) If no to (2), what is the BPA doing to address this matter?
- (4) If yes to (2), what systems are in place to negate the risk of dust explosions?

## 1574. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Did the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) apply any conditions on the new grain export facility to provide a dust management plan prior to granting environmental approval to operate out of Bunbury Port?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was the last time an inspection was carried out on the new grain export facility?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Is the DEC satisfied that the current dust management systems are sufficient to deal with the grain operations at the Bunbury Port?

- (1) Has the Kwinana Freeway on-ramp line marking trial concluded?
- (2) When will the results be made public?
- (3) Have there been any vehicle accidents since the trial began?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many?
- (5) Why did the Government not advise drivers that different road rules apply to the area of the trial?

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## 1576. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to metropolitan network changes (roads) on the Main Roads Western Australia website, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide an update of the network changes that have occurred since 2011-12; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

## 1577. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Does the Government have a current intelligent transport system strategy for Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

## 1578. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question on notice No. 1147 regarding the Northbridge Tunnel, and ask:

- (a) why is the Minister unable to provide a specific answer when an answer was previously provided in question without notice No. 84 on 26 February 2014; and
- (b) how many times did traffic queue up in the eastbound lanes for the Northbridge tunnel travelling east in the afternoon peak times in:
  - (i) February 2014; and
  - (ii) March 2014?

- (1) What was the average daily number of vehicles that travelled through the intersection of Graham Farmer Freeway and East Parade in:
  - (a) 2012-13; and
  - (b) 2013-14?
- (2) Does Main Roads Western Australia maintain records of the direction the vehicles were travelling?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the Minister provide the average daily number of vehicles travelling in each direction recorded in:
  - (a) 2012-13; and
  - (b) 2013-14?

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#### 1580. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health:

Regarding the assessment on James Lokan performed by the Pilbara Mental Health and Drug Service, Lask:

- (a) why did James Lokan not fit the criteria to be in a group home care facility;
- (b) what care is James Lokan currently receiving;
- (c) does the Department of Health deem this care fitting to James Lokan's current condition; and
- (d) if yes to (c), how have they assessed that his needs are being fulfilled?

## 1581. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

In light of the introduction of a parking fee at all train stations, I ask:

- (a) could the Minister please explain how a motorcycle/motor scooter commuter goes about paying a cash fare for parking at a Transperth train station; and
- (b) what is to stop a cash fare ticket being blown off the motorcycle/motor scooter, or being taken by another commuter?

### **1582.** Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to FIFO workers, shift workers and long shift workers, and workplace support for improving mental health in the workplace, and ask:

- (a) is there a legislative compliance for industry to implement suicide prevention activities and training in their workplace, and promoting mental health;
- (b) if yes to (a), how does the Department of Commerce assess the legislative compliance obligations of industry bodies and large companies;
- (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) if there is no legislative compliance and/or assessment process, how does the Department of Commerce assist industry bodies and large companies to fulfil its duty of care to its workers?

## 1583. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to FIFO workers, shift workers and long shift workers, and workplace support for improving mental health in the workplace, and ask:

- (a) is there a legislative compliance for industry to implement suicide prevention activities and training in their workplace, and promoting mental health;
- (b) if yes to (a), how does the Department of Mines and Petroleum assess the legislative compliance obligations of industry bodies and large companies;
- (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) if there is no legislative compliance and/or assessment process, how does the Department of Mines and Petroleum assist industry bodies and large companies to fulfil its duty of care to its workers?

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Notice Given Tuesday, 9 September 2014

### 1584. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the translocation of animals from Barrow Island, and I ask:

- (a) how many translocations in total have occurred from Barrow Island;
- (b) how many animals, what species and where were the animals moved in each translocation event;
- (c) when did these translocations occur;
- (d) with regard to the February 2010 translocation of 325 golden bandicoots, 111 brushtail possums, 104 spectacled hare-wallabies and 65 boodies from Barrow Island to Lorna Glen in the Goldfields, Hermite Island and Cape Range National Park, what was the survival rate for each species;
- (e) will the Minister table the report(s) which details the February 2010 translocations including the translocation proposal that was provided to the Animal Ethics Committee of the department formerly known as the Department of Environment and Conservation as well as any report(s) that detail animal survivorship at each translocation site; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

## 1585. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to employees of the Public Transport Authority, and ask:

- (a) how many transit officers are currently employed;
- (b) how many senior transit officers are currently employed;
- (c) how many new transit officers are currently being trained; and
- (d) how many contract revenue protection officers are currently working for the Public Transport Authority?

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